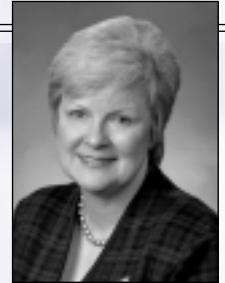




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Dear Neighbors,

Only one thing pleases me more than your enthusiastic response to the transportation survey I sent you last fall—and that's serving as your new state senator!

More than 1,300 of you took the time to complete and return my questionnaire on how transportation affects you. It also confirms what I already knew: that the residents of the 33rd District are concerned about where our community is going.

Unfortunately, it's not going very fast.

We're spending more time sitting in traffic than ever—time we should be spending with our families. We need to do something now before it gets any worse.

As a member of the Senate Transportation Committee, I'll have a chance to do just that. Your valuable input will help guide my transportation decisions this legislative session.

I also want you to know that I am reading the personal comments that many of you added to my survey, and I find them very helpful.

Transportation will be the Legislature's top priority during this short 60-day session. I'm looking forward to negotiating a long-term solution that helps relieve our area's congestion—from SR 167 to Highway 99, and everywhere in between. Our economy and quality of life depend on it.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your senator.

Warmest regards,

Karen Keiser
State Senator
33rd Legislative District

Here's a summary of what you told me...

66% of you commute to work daily.

Of those: 83% of you commute to work by car, 11% by bus,
2% by carpool, and .8% by train.

You believe the area's worst traffic problems are:

1. the Interstate 405/state Route 167 interchange;
2. Interstate 5 at Southcenter; and
3. capacity on SR 167.

Your biggest complaints about transportation are:

1. traffic lights that aren't synchronized for traffic flow;
2. on/off ramps too short for merging traffic; and
3. not enough mass transit service in your area.

37% of you—or your family members—have recently
experienced “road rage.”

86% of you think cell phone use is dangerous while driving.

***A slim majority of you—51%—support increasing the
gas tax to help pay for improved roads and ferries.***

Other transportation reforms that make sense to you:

1. prioritizing projects for the worst traffic choke points;
2. encouraging carpooling and alternative transportation; and
3. using measurable benchmarks for higher
Department of Transportation performance.

Besides working on solutions to our current transportation crisis this session,
I'll also be devoting my time to work/family and consumer issues such as:

- ~ The Family Care Bill, allowing workers to use
sick leave to care for ailing parents;
- ~ Advance directives, which give families of mentally ill
patients legal options in their medical care; and
- ~ Preventing predatory lending, the practice of brokers luring
consumers with low-interest loans and then reneging on the deal.

Feel free to contact me for more information on these or any other topics!



Senator Karen Keiser receives the oath of office from Chief Justice Gary Alexander, January 14, 2002.

Please keep in touch!

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